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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Applicant encloses this Notification notifying the United States Patent and Trademark Office concerning the loss of entitlement to small entity status for the above referenced patent application.

The application was originally filed as a small entity and the small entity fees were paid in good faith. Prior to the payment of the Issue Fee, Applicant was acquired and is now considered a large entity. Therefore, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2), Applicant wishes to change its status to large entity.

Applicant is submitting this Notification together with an Issue Fee Transmittal Form for payment of the issue and publication fees in the total amount of \$1,810.00 (large entity) for the above referenced patent application.

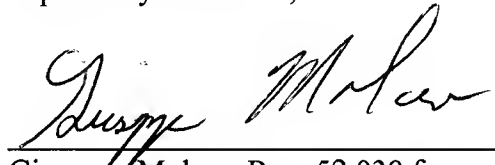
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In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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